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1. Dr. Otto Langbein, a leading member of the Communist Party of Austria, editor-in-chief of the principal theoretical party organ Weg und Ziel, was delegated by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria to the Land Executive Board of the Progressive Socialists on Kurrentgasse, Vienna I. Dr. Langbein, who is a permanent co-worker of the Cominform, was assigned the mission of controlling all transactions within the Progressive Socialists which must be coordinated with actions taken by the Communist Party of Austria. He must supervise the use of the contributions given to the Progressive Socialists by the Cominform.
2. Both the Central Committee and the Land Executive Board of the Progressive Socialists decided to let Dr. Langbein remain in the background.

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